

Mig Deal With India Appears Off

Russian Official
Supports Peking
In Border Clash

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A high Soviet military source said tonight that the Soviet Union supports Communist China's territorial claims in India and would ship no arms to the Indians. This apparently wipes out a recent Moscow deal to supply Mig fighter planes to India.

The Soviet source emphasized that Russia considers India a friend and that the border conflict faces the Kremlin with a delicate problem. But he said the Soviet Union is bound to give moral support to the Chinese as allies.

Moscow had agreed before

*U. S. agrees to help India as much as possible.
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the recent heavy Chinese-Indian fighting to sell a dozen Mig-21 jet fighters to India, with delivery of the first six fighters reportedly fixed for early December.

The Soviet Union also had agreed to aid India in the manufacture of engines for India's HF-24 fighter plane. Production had been set to begin in Bangalore in 1963. This, too, apparently will be shelved.

The Soviet military informant reiterated the Chinese view that the disputed McMahon Line frontier was invalid because it was drawn in imperialist times when India was under British rule.

Asked whether he anticipated future disputes between the Russians and Chinese over their common frontier—also drawn up in so-called imperialist times—the Russian said: "No, this is an ethnic boundary."

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